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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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TO: Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation

303 Big Trees Park Road

Felton, CA 95018

PROJECT TITLE: Septic System Repair

LOCATION: Big Basin Redwoods State Park

COUNTY: Santa Cruz

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Repair and improve the wastewater and septic system located at the Little Basin property within Big Basin Redwoods State Park to protect natural resources and the public. Work will: Install New Septic System and Repair Existing Septic System:

- Sawcut the existing asphalt road over existing tank location by 8' X12' x 2" deep;
- Excavate an approximately 8' X 12' wide and 6' deep hole;
- Spread 2" of 3/4" base rock in the hole:
- Install new 3,000 gallon concrete septic tank;
- Upgrade existing 1,500 gallon septic tank by removing the baffling system inside the existing tank and install a new duplex pumping system and re-plumb the tank;
- Backfill and cover the septic tank with excavated soil;
- Re-grade road and pour 2" of asphalt over the packed soil;

Install 1,140 feet of new 2" High Density Polyurethane Pipe (HDPE) for Forced Sewer Main:

- Directional drill approximately 1,015 feet and pull through new 2" HDPE pipe;
- Connect new forced main to the existing 2" sewer pump line;
- Install an automatic distributing valve to connect to the existing leach field system;
- Install 225' of existing 2" PVC pipe at the top of the leach field system in approximately 1' wide by 2'to 3' deep trench.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Santa Cruz District

EXEMPT STATUS:

□ Categorical Exemption

Class: 1, 2, 3 and 4

Section: 15301, 15302, 15303 and 16304

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing mechanical equipment, involving no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination included as "utility repairs or minor upgrades" and "septic tank replacement" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4; replacement or reconstruction of existing facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, and installation of small new equipment in the small structure, and the minor alteration in the condition of land and vegetation that does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees.

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